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Subject: A Visionary Leader Joins MYSC - Welcoming David Benning as Director of Soccer Operations

Dear MYSC Members,

We are thrilled to introduce a recognizable figure within the Ontario Soccer Community who will play a central role in shaping the future of the Milton Youth Soccer Club (MYSC). Join us in extending a warm welcome to David Benning, our newly appointed Director of Soccer Operations.

David will collaborate closely with General Manager, Hunter Saggar, to inspire and exemplify a steadfast commitment to the continuous improvement of programs at MYSC. With his extensive experience and expertise, David is uniquely equipped to advance MYSC's future, ensuring the Club's growth is paralleled with success.

David arrives with an illustrious track record of success, having spent the past four years as the Director of Soccer Operations at Pickering FC. His substantial experience and soccer proficiency have been instrumental in steering Pickering FC's growth and executing its technical strategic plan.

During his tenure as the Technical Director/Director of Soccer Operations at Pickering FC, David exhibited exceptional leadership and an unwavering dedication to excellence. His visionary approach propelled the club to unprecedented heights, both on and off the field.

Leveraging David's wealth of experience, his influence transcends the field as he assumes the role of MYSC's chief spokesperson for technical matters and acts as an essential intermediary with governing bodies and leagues. David will steer the implementation of meticulously crafted strategic plans, cultivating a culture of positivity and adherence to standards across all club operations. His exceptional planning, reporting, and budgeting skills have been pivotal in the sustained success of Pickering FC.

David will work in close collaboration with the Board of Directors, Hunter Saggar, and our dedicated staff, to craft a dynamic strategic blueprint for MYSC. This comprehensive plan encompasses the evolution of our Technical Programs, spanning from the initial recreational stages through grassroots and high-performance levels, ultimately paving the way for prospects at esteemed college and university institutions.

As we embark on the path to establishing a fresh club culture at MYSC, David's expertise in forging strategic partnerships and laying the groundwork for player recruitment opportunities will be of paramount importance. His exceptional skill set will not only elevate the club's standing but also establish pathways that offer our athletes exciting and promising avenues for growth and development.

David will collaborate closely with our Coaches, furnishing them with indispensable resources and tools and unwavering support and mentorship to enhance their coaching skills and knowledge while acquiring the requisite coaching licenses from our governing soccer bodies.



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David's soccer journey boasts distinguished roles, including serving as one of Ontario's pioneering Technical Directors with Glen Shields SC from 1993 to 2003 and subsequently from 2013 to 2017. Additionally, as the Technical Programs Manager at Canada Soccer from 2003 to 2013, he adeptly managed national training centres across the country and led the U15 Women's National Team as Head Coach. David also contributed significantly to the triumph of the U17 Women's National Team, serving as the Assistant Coach to Head Coach Bryan Rosenfeld during the U17 Women's World Cup in Azerbaijan in 2012, where they reached the quarterfinals.

David's leadership during the pandemic has been especially notable. He successfully guided Pickering FC to uninterrupted programming by establishing collaborations with other clubs to offer support, ensuring that players had opportunities to develop despite the challenges posed by the pandemic. Furthermore, David exhibited remarkable resilience and ingenuity when the Pickering Soccer Centre Dome collapsed prior to the commencement of the 2022/2023 indoor season. He successfully pivoted a number of programs to enable the club to adapt and flourish even amidst adversity.

David's coaching experience spans genders and levels, ranging from grassroots to provincial and National Teams. He has led teams at the University of Waterloo and Seneca College, achieving winning results. Moreover, his extensive coaching experience encompasses various divisions, including OSL, CPSL, and League 1 Men's and Women's divisions.

As a player, David embarked on his journey in Toronto, engaging in youth soccer for Scarborough clubs before earning a student-athlete scholarship to NCAA Division 1 George Washington University. He further showcased his skills in the National Soccer League, playing for prominent clubs like Panhellenic and Toronto Italia.

With his impressive credentials, including a CSA National 'A' License, CSA Youth & Children License, Technical Director Diploma, and Learning Facilitator License, David is exceptionally equipped to propel MYSC forward. His proficiency will empower MYSC to nurture a culture of excellence, innovation, and growth.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to David Benning as he joins our MYSC family. With his reputable impact and unwavering dedication, we eagerly anticipate embarking on this journey under his leadership. Together, we are confident that MYSC will scale new heights of excellence and accomplishment.

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